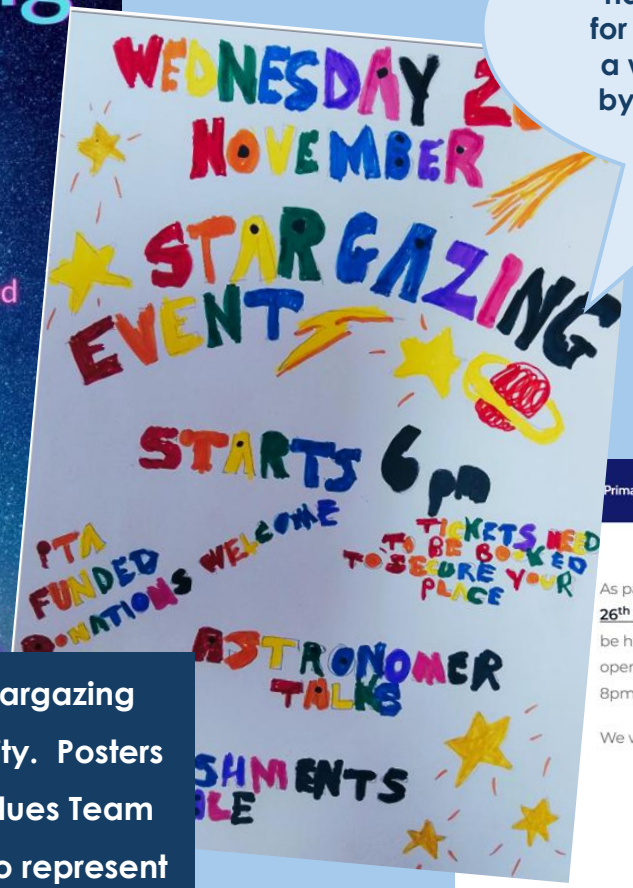
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Promotion for evening stargazing event for school community. Posters were designed by our Values Team (children voted by peers to represent their class) for use on school social media and around the school building.

Thank you to everyone that helped to make it happen, and to the staff for staying on. We all had a wonderful time (shown by being on of the last to leave!!) (Parent)

We had a great time at the space session, thank you. We particularly enjoyed learning about the telescopes and the fun crafting element of all the rooms. I have a feeling glow in the dark space ceiling stickers may be on the list for Christmas. (Parent)



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As part of this work we are especially excited to announce that we will be holding a **Family Stargazing Event on November 26th** at our school so please do put this date in your diaries as it will be an event not to be missed! Expert astronomers will be here at Thurlbear to share the wonders of the night sky with you and your children, making the most of the beautiful open countryside we have around our setting. More information and tickets to follow soon. We expect the timings to be 6-8pm and everyone will be welcome.

We would also point you in the direction of the exciting Exmoor National Park Dark Skies 2025 Programme (click here)



Promoting local astronomy events to the school community. Exmoor Dark skies event.

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Children and adults participating in a range of practical activities during our family Stargazing event





Also, thank you for a great stargazing workshop last night. The boys were fascinated with the meteorites; it was a fantastic experience for them. (Parent)



Hi, All of the Newcombes (and Grandad!) really enjoyed the space event, thank you all so much for organising and hosting such a great night.

Harry particularly enjoyed it and at bedtime he said, 'I just can't believe how small earth is compared to the biggest star…it's amazing! Space is so enormous.' I think a book on space is going to be on his Christmas list! Many thanks again for such an enjoyable evening (Parent)



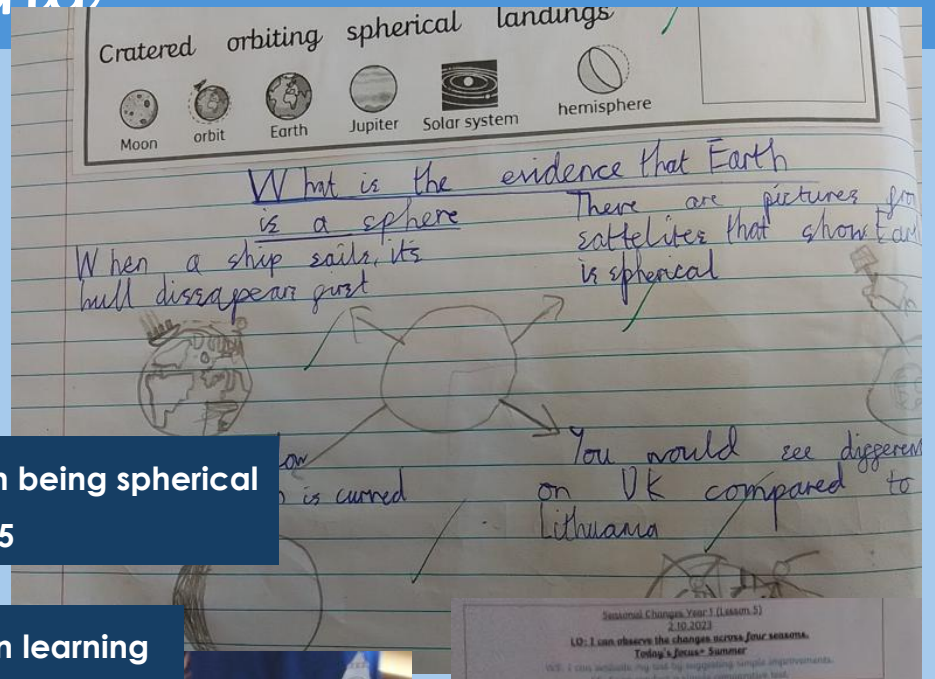
Children learning from Astronomers and visiting Space experts at our family Stargazing event

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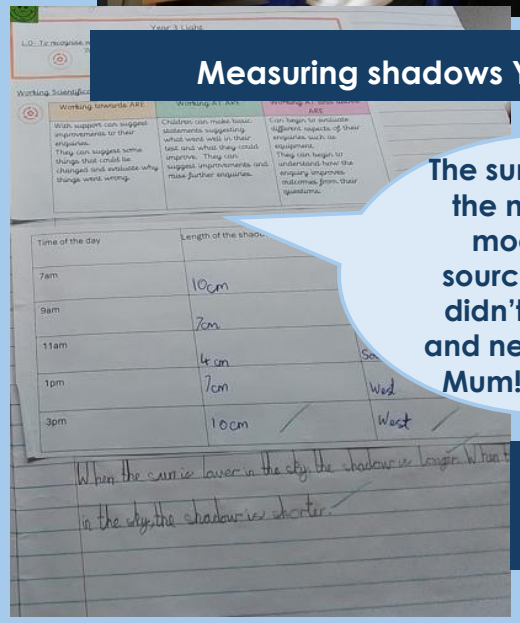


Using Space as a context within the Science curriculum.

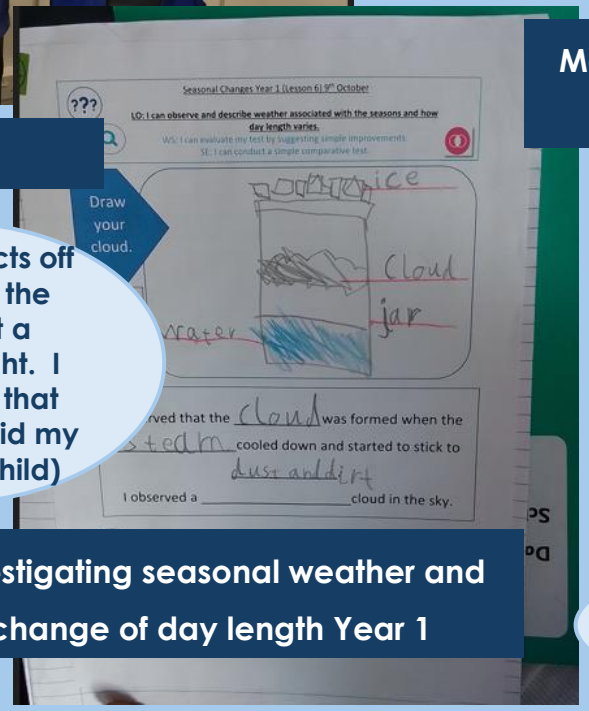
Making and testing helicopters on Mars day Year 4



Evidence for the Earth being spherical Year 5



Measuring shadows Year 3



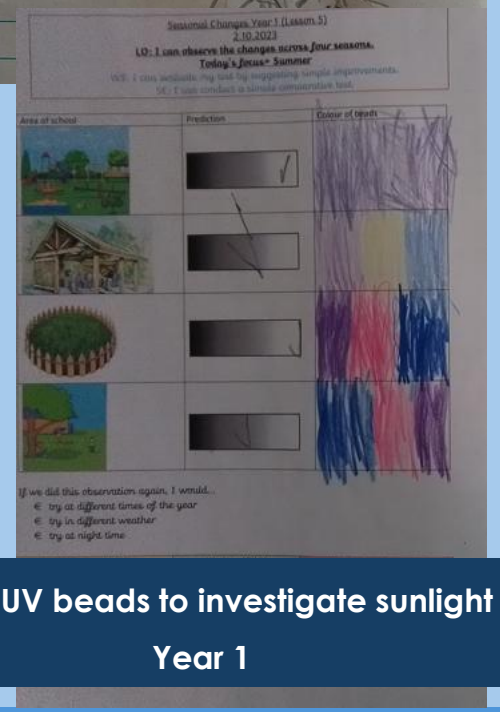
Investigating seasonal weather and change of day length Year 1

The sun reflects off the moon – the moon isn't a source of light. I didn't know that and neither did my Mum! (Yr3 child)

Making straw rockets when learning about forces Year 5



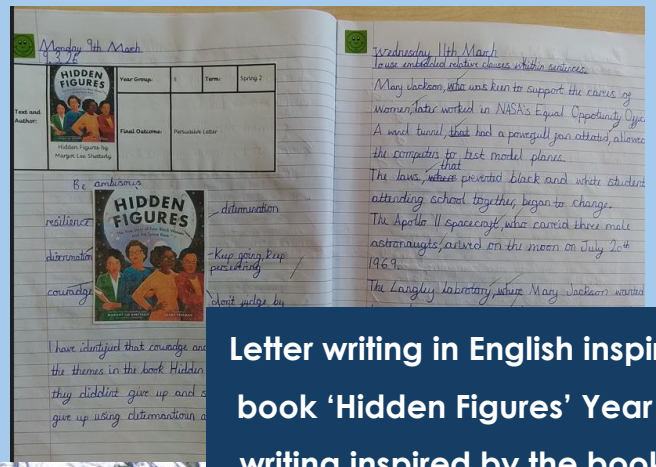
Making the paper rockets was fun and it was easy to do too! (Yr5 child)



Using UV beads to investigate sunlight Year 1

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Using Space as a context within the wider curriculum offer



Letter writing in English inspired by the book 'Hidden Figures' Year 5. English writing inspired by the book 'The Fox who Stole the Moon' Year 6



Space themed PSHE: Challenge to learn to count down to blast off in another language Year 2



Design and Technology: Space themed greetings cards with moving parts Year 2

Using a space theme to create moving greetings cards was inspiring for the children. They loved designing rockets, planets and aliens which moved across the sky using lever and sliders. The theme concentrated their minds on the design leading to higher quality finished products. (Yr2 Teacher)

Images from Space as inspiration for Spiral art Year 1



RE: Creation and Science complimentary or contradictory. Big Bang theory Year 6





Art and Poetry linked to Stars and 'Starry Night' Year 4

Thankfulness, Hope, Friendship, Wisdom, Trust.

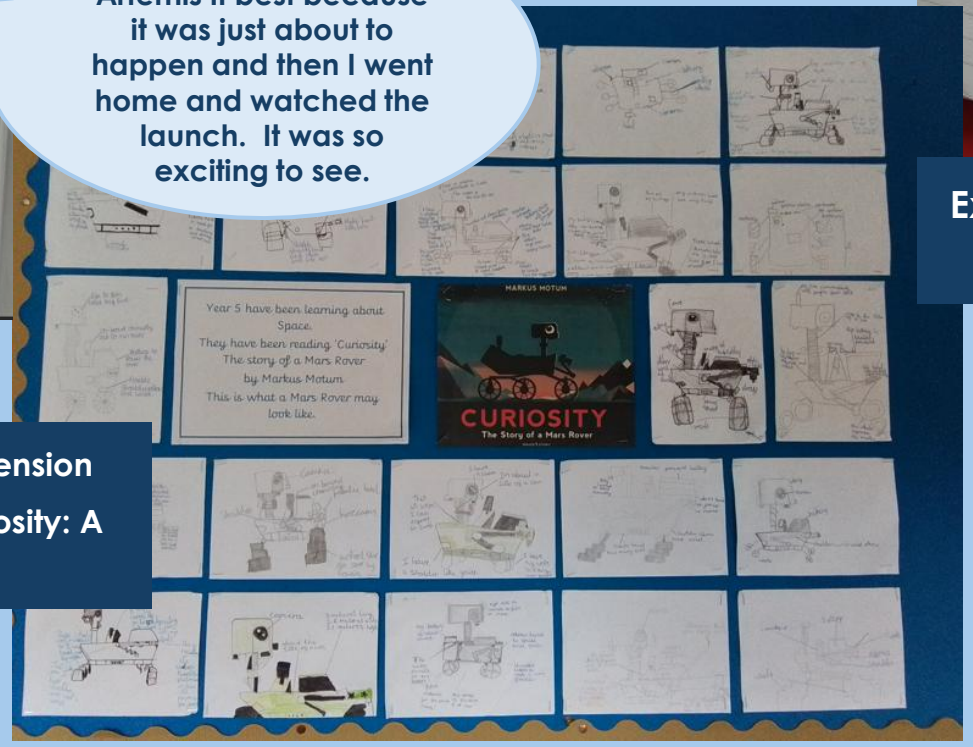
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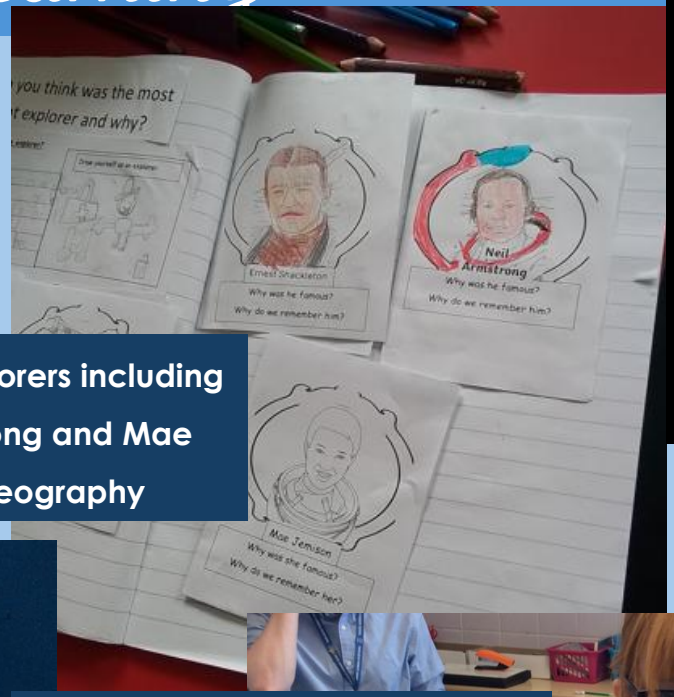


Whole school worship related to Artemis II mission. Reading lesson and Newsround resource on Artemis II year 5

I liked learning about Artemis II best because it was just about to happen and then I went home and watched the launch. It was so exciting to see.



Series of reading comprehension lessons using the book Curiosity: A Mars Rover Year 5



Unit of learning on Explorers including focus on Neil Armstrong and Mae Jemison Year 1 Geography

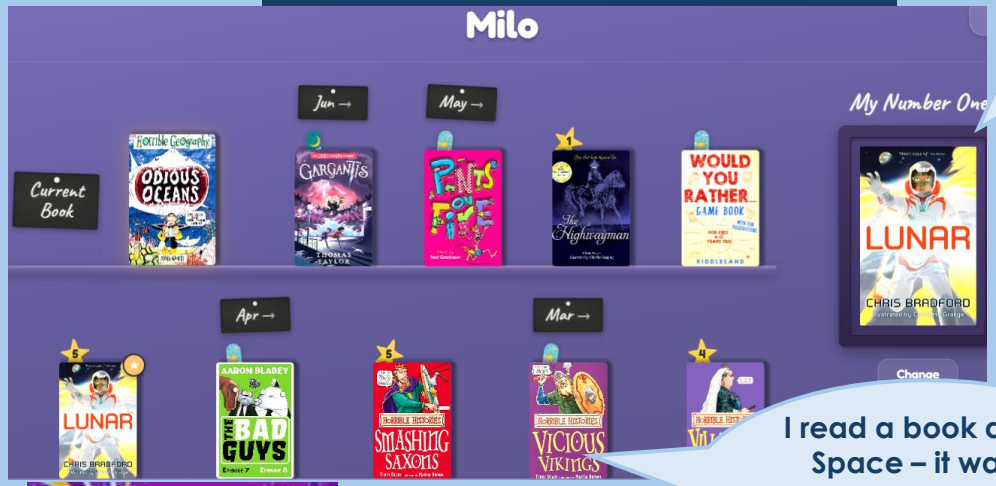


Example of home learning Year 2



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Example of individual reading journey including Space themed fiction. Using Space to as part of whole school development to encourage Reading for Pleasure.



I read a book about Space – it was a poetry book. I don't usually read poetry books.

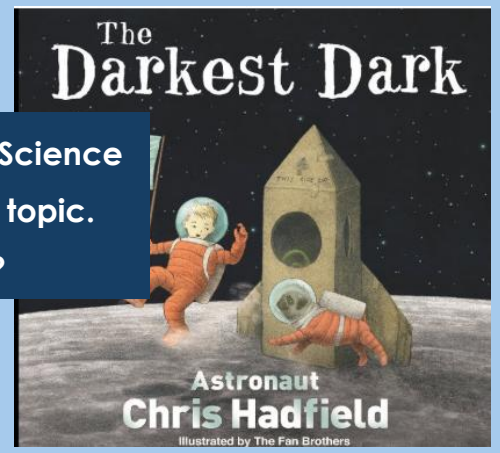


After we learnt about Space, I read this book at home with my Dad. I really enjoyed it because it is a fiction mystery where a human computer is kidnapped in 1940 (Yr5 pupil)

I liked the search and find space book best! (Yr5 SEND pupil)

Some of the children who are more reluctant to read for pleasure have been enthusiastic to read some of the space themed books. 'Lunar' was in our class top 10 for several weeks. (Teacher)

Books read linked to the Science curriculum. Year 3 light topic. What is darkness?



Space themed texts used within the English curriculum to inspire reading and writing Year 5 and 6





We were inspired by a female scientist called Dr Maggie who dreamed of going into space.

Maggie faced lots of challenges as she grew up but was determined to keep working hard.

She took part in lots of space activities to build her reading and writing skills and asked lots of questions to improve her knowledge.

Due to her determination and because she never gave up, Maggie grew up to become a space scientist and inspires children by writing books

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Script from Year 3 class worship PSHE Dreams and goals focus on Dr Maggie Alderin-Pocock